

REMARKS

Claims 6-9, 11-14, and 18-21 are pending in the application and have been allowed.

Claims 8-9, 13-14, and 18-21 have been amended to correct typographical errors. The Applicant notes that no new subject matter has been added.

COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Although the applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

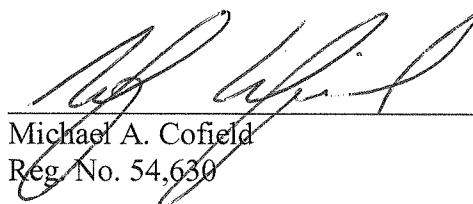
CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the present application. The applicants encourage the examiner to telephone the undersigned at 503 546 1811 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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